



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 14, 2010, at the Cross State Office Building, ATM Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Ann Weisleder; James Carignan; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Dorothy Martin; Andrea Levinsky; and Angela Bechard

Also present were: Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Jaci Holmes, Federal Liaison; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

RECOGNITION AWARD:

Chair, James Banks, Sr. presented a gift to Ann Weisleder (Chair, 2008 – 2010) for her years of service to the State Board of Education

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Following a workshop session presentation, Chair James Banks, Sr. added an item to the agenda under New Business. The item is IX C – Discussion on Common Core Standards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 19, 2010 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That the Board received an email from NASBE regarding the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Salt Lake City on October 15, 2010. The Board should determine by the August meeting what items will be donated to the auction this year. Last year, student appointees to the State Board made the items. Andrea Levinsky took photos of Maine locations and framed them and Honor Wilkinson made a necklace. The feedback from NASBE regarding the items was excellent.
- That committee work is still underway. Ann has agreed to continue serving on the Professional Standards Board.
- That he has a handout of the Board Budget for the 4th quarter of FY 09-10 and the 1st quarter of FY10-11.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That he met with Ann Weisleder, Jim Banks, Angela Faherty, Jim Rier, Wanda Monthey and Mary regarding transition planning. A draft agenda was created for the August Board Retreat.
- That he believes the orientation was very helpful for new members that were appointed to the Board last year.
- That the NASBE Military Study Group's final report will come out in October 2010. The biggest thing he gained from serving on this study group is the consistency between military schools. The standards are the same in every military school.
- That he continues to sit on a number of committees that cross agendas with education.
- That the Maine Jobs Council now made a motion that their policy committee will work for more collaboration among the Department of Labor, Department of Economic Development, Department of Education and Business. They will all be working together to find out what direction should be taken to help people with their employment and career development.
- That he is heavily involved through Cianbro with on-line education. The University of Maine at Augusta is doing some fantastic work in regards to Prior Learning. This will help people already in the workplace to return for further education.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- No Report

Andrea Levinsky:

- No Report

Lynda Doyle:

- No Report

Ann Weisleder:

- That she met with Jim, Steve and Mary regarding a transitioning plan.
- That she has a new project called finding her front hall and looking for a home for all the paperwork.

Dorothy Martin

- That she attended the Model Schools Conference in Florida with Nancy Perkins and will report on this at a later date.

James Carignan:

- No Report

Angela Bechard:

- No Report

Nancy Perkins:

- That she attended the last meeting of the NASBE Study Group and she will share the final report when it comes out later in August or September.
- That she attended the Model Schools Conference in Florida and will report to the Board at a later date.
- That she attended the Superintendent's Conference. The Department of Education brought many people and the sessions they held were phenomenal.
- That she attended a Statewide Longitudinal Data System Meeting that Bill Hurwitch presented on this morning.

CONSENT AGENDA:

REAFFIRMATION OF PROPOSED TEAM TO REVIEW THE TEACHER
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OFFERED BY BATES COLLEGE

MOVED by Dorothy Martin, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously
voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda

SPECIAL ORDERS (Important business previously designated for consideration)

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT FOR THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT

BACKGROUND: A State program approval visit to the University of Maine at Fort Kent was conducted from Sunday, March 21, 2010 through Wednesday, March 24, 2010 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator certification programs:

Elementary Education (K-8),	Modern and Classical Languages (K-12),
Computer Technology (K-12),	Secondary Life Sciences (7-12),
Secondary Social Studies (7-12)	English /Language Arts (7-12).

Following the on-site visit, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The team Report was distributed to Board members in advance of the June 9, 2010 meeting

RECOMMENDATION: That the Maine State Board of Education grant State program approval to the University of Maine at Fort Kent educator preparation programs through December 31, 2012. It is further recommended that the Board require an Interim Report, addressing the Team's recommendations concerning Standard 1, Initial Teacher Candidate Performance and Standard 3, Field Experiences and Clinical Practice. The Interim Report should be submitted to the State Board by December 31, 2012. Upon acceptance of this report the Board may then wish to extend State program approval to the spring of 2015.

MOVED by Steven Pound and seconded by Dorothy Martin, to grant State program approval to the University of Maine at Fort Kent educator preparation programs through December 31, 2012. It is further recommended that the Board require an Interim Report, addressing the Team's recommendations concerning Standard 1, Initial Teacher Candidate Performance and Standard 3, Field Experiences and Clinical Practice. The Interim Report should be submitted to the State Board by December 31, 2012. Upon acceptance of this report the Board may then wish to extend State program approval to the spring of 2015.

MOTION by Ann Weisleder, seconded by James Carignan to amend the motion and add the following: In addition to the Standard one and three responses we are looking for in 2012, add reports on more significant pieces (recommendations) concerning standards two and five in particular, so we know progress is being made.

Vote on amendment: 5 yes votes (James Banks, Sr., Ann Weisleder, Lynda Doyle, Nancy Perkins and James Carignan) 3 opposed (Dorothy Martin, Steven Pound and Marilyn Tardy). Motion Carries

Original Motion with amendment:

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Vote on motion as amended: 6 yes votes (James Banks, Sr., Ann Weisleder, Lynda Doyle, Nancy Perkins, James Carignan and Dorothy Martin) 2 abstentions (Steven Pound and Marilyn Tardy). Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULEMAKING FOR CHAPTER 145,
PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING AND FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN
THE MAINE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: P.L.2009, Chapter 553, Repealed the Rulemaking Authority for Chapter 145.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Maine State Board of Education initiate rulemaking to repeal Chapter 145, as there is no longer a requirement or statutory authority to promulgate regulations for this program.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Ann Weisleder, and unanimously voted by those present to initiate rulemaking to repeal Chapter 145, as there is no longer a requirement or statutory authority to promulgate regulations for this program.

RECEIPT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD REPORT OF
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER AND THE STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION

BACKGROUND: The Professional Standards Board, referred to in the chapter as the board, was established in Maine statute Title 20-A, Chapter 502-B "to advise

the state board regarding professional growth, certification, endorsement, authorization and governance of the education profession in this State." The powers and duties of the board expand on these areas.

The statute defines those who are eligible to be nominated by the education profession and interested persons for positions on the board. The Governor then appoints the 22 members and 2 ex officio members to the Board for terms of three years. Currently the representative from the state board is Ann Weisleder who serves as an ex officio member of the board. The members serve without compensation but the state board is responsible for the mileage and expenses of this board and for furnishing the board with materials, secretarial assistance and meeting facilities. The board shall maintain records and minutes of its meetings and shall file them in the certification office within the department.

The board shall meet five times a year and must have an annual work plan in place by September 1 of each year. After the fifth meeting, "the board shall submit a report by June 30 of each year to the commissioner and the board with its recommendations." After that "the state board shall act on standards definitions or other recommendations within 60 days of presentation to the state board by the board." The state board received an emailed report in the state board assistant's email during regular business hours on June 30, 2010.

The board followed the requirements but had some challenges with consistency in attendance and at the last meeting could not finish the recommendations because there was not a quorum. At that meeting the board discussed ways to improve participation, actions that would improve the conduct of the business of the board, and possibilities for changing the quorum requirements for the next year. The statute does not address a quorum for this board. The first meeting for the 2010-2011 year is scheduled for August 16, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board move to receive the June 30, 2010 Report of the Professional Standards Board and refer the report to the Certification and Higher Education Committee of the State Board of Education for consideration of the recommendations of the Board; and, that the Committee will then bring to the State Board, within the 60 day requirement, proposed actions on the Professional Standards Board's recommendations.

MOVED by Ann Weisleder, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the June 30, 2010 Report of the Professional Standards Board and refer the report to the Certification and Higher Education Committee of the State Board of Education for consideration of the recommendations of the Board; and, that the Committee will then bring to the State Board, within the 60 day requirement, proposed actions on the Professional Standards Board's recommendations.

DISCUSSION ON COMMON CORE STANDARDS

MOVED by Ann Weisleder , seconded by Lynda Doyle, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (James Carignan) for the State Board of Education to support and advocate for the adoption of the Common Core State Initiative.
Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

James Banks, Sr. read to Board members a letter of resignation received on July 12, 2010 from Board member Jeffrey Vermette.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to acknowledge receipt of Jeffrey Vermette's letter of resignation and for Chair James Banks, Sr. to send Mr. Vermette a letter thanking him for his time served on the Board.

SUBMIT EXPENSE ACCOUNT VOUCHERS TO MARY AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the July 14, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 2:38 PM.